## Message Text

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DURING UNDER SECRETARY TABOR'S VISIT HERE, MEMBERS OF HIS DELE-GATION RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT IRANIAN INTEREST IN ASSISTING PAN AMERICAN MAY BE WANING. DCM SPOKE TO MEHDI SAMII WHO, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HAS BEEN IRAN'S PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR WITH PAN AMERICAN ON THIS SUBJECT MORNING OF FEBRUARY 12. SAMII SAID THAT HE SENSED A FEELING OF LESS URGENCY THAN HAD BEEN THE CASE HERETO-FORE ON THE PART OF MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE ANSARI AND BY INDIRECTION THE SHAH. NEVERTHELESS, HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTION TO DELAY OR DEFER EXPLORATION OF SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE DEAL WHICH HE HAS UNDERWAY. HE HAD NO EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE MATTER MAY NOW BE CONSIDERED SOMEWHAT LESS URGENT BUT SPECULATED THAT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT THE MATTER WHICH SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF DIF-FERENCES OF VIEW IN THE UNITED STATES MAY HAVE LED TO A FEELING THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR IRAN TO HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT THE US'S FINAL POSITION ON THIS MATTER MIGHT BE BEFORE IRAN PROCEEDS MUCH FURTHER.

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